ABSTRACT:

The invention relates to a method of embedding a secondary signal of a secondary channel in the bitstream of a primary signal of a primary channel. For copy protection and digital rights management for recordable or rewritable data carriers it is required that a key can be written and rewritten in a hidden side channel, i. e. in the secondary channel. Therefore it is proposed according to the invention that the bitstream of the primary signal is distorted before outputting the bitstream of the primary signal such that the secondary signal is represented by a predetermined distortion. The invention relates further to a method for detecting a secondary signal embedded in the bitstream of a primary signal, to corresponding apparatuses and to a corresponding data carrier.

Fig. 1